

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING KAREN WOLFORD FOR RECEIVING THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 8, 2006*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great honor to rise before you today in celebration of the United States Marshals Service (USMS) Distinguished Service Award Recipient, Ms. Karen Wolford.

As Property Management Specialist, Ms. Wolford is a widely recognized expert in her field of asset forfeiture. She joined the USMS Asset Forfeiture Unit in the District of Maryland in 1968. According to her justification for the award, "she may very well be the longest serving current employee of the USMS." She has been a tremendous asset to the United States Marshals Service and the Department of Justice. Over the years, Ms. Wolford has acquired a wealth of knowledge. Her outstanding leadership and professionalism have led her to achieve great things in her field.

Ms. Wolford is the supervisor of one USMS employee and five asset forfeiture employees. In her role as supervisor, she oversees all activities in the District of Maryland, Delaware, Western Michigan, Western Missouri and West Virginia.

She is a past member of the US Marshals, Leadership Council and the AFO Process Mapping Team. She is also a current member of the LECC Asset Forfeiture Committee.

During her employment, she has received awards from Dundalk Community College, the Federal Bar Association, the Maryland State Police, and the Asset Forfeiture Office. Ms. Wolford has received many letters of commendation, clean audit reports and outstanding performance awards.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to represent such a hard working and dedicated person in the Second Congressional District of Maryland. Ms. Karen Wolford is truly deserving of all the awards and acknowledgements she has received. Please join with me in honoring her for the continuous contributions she has made to the United States Marshals Service and the Department of Justice.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN DAVITT

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 8, 2006*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John Davitt who is retiring as Superintendent-President of Glendale Community College after 38 years of exemplary service.

Dr. Davitt has been president of Glendale Community College since 1985 and is the longest-tenured head of a community college

in California. He is credited with overseeing a tripling of enrollment, bringing the current student population to about 22,000. There are literally tens of thousands of former Glendale College students who live not only in the Glendale community, but throughout Southern California, who have attended the college—taking a class to enrich their lives, or several general education classes in order to transfer to a four-year university.

Dr. Davitt has always included everyone in the campus community, from students and faculty to administrators and staff, when faced with the decision-making process that affected the students. Dr. Davitt acted each day to bolster opportunities for the students. He was instrumental in obtaining funding for the new state-of-the-art science center and planetarium—a facility no other community college in the nation boasts. Through his devoted focus on quality academics, Dr. Davitt has propelled Glendale to the forefront of the community colleges.

In 1968, Dr. Davitt introduced his unique and open management style to our community by taking the position of Administrative Dean of Personnel Services at Glendale Community College. In 1983, he was named Vice President of Instructional Services. Subsequently, in 1985 he became the college's Superintendent-President, transforming the campus into an innovative and productive center for learning. Dr. Davitt has devoted 38 years of dedicated service to the Glendale community. He is a remarkable man who is respected not only by the college's faculty, but by the student body as well. Dr. Davitt has managed to instill strong values of academics and workmanship while serving Glendale Community College, and these ideals are still gratified today.

The Glendale community is indebted to Dr. Davitt for his countless achievements. I want to again congratulate John Davitt on a truly exemplary professional and public service career, and for his immense commitment to Glendale Community College and the students it serves.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 8, 2006*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed three votes on May 4th, 2006 because I had minor surgery. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on the Sanchez amendment which prohibits the current Customs and Border Protection (CBP) practice of granting expedited clearance to Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) members that have not had their security plans physically reviewed by CBP; "yes" on the Motion to Recommit which would require that 100% of shipping containers be scanned and sealed using the best available

technology before being loaded onto ships destined for the United States; and "yes" on H.R. 4954, the SAFE Port Act.

RECOGNIZING DOUGLAS AND SHARON STROUSE FOR THEIR COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

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Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before you in recognition of the outstanding community outreach efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Strouse. Recently, the American Red Cross issued the Strouses with the Hometown Hero Education Award.

Several years ago, the Strouse family suffered a great loss. Their daughter, Kristin Rita, like many young girls, battled depression. Unfortunately, her illness overwhelmed her and she took her own life.

Dealing with the loss of a child is the ultimate challenge any parent can attempt to overcome. Although the loss was extremely difficult for them, the Strouses were able to triumph by using their pain as motivation. The couple developed the Kristin Rita Strouse Foundation (KRSF) which raises awareness of the illness, develops methods of prevention, and provides high schools and universities with educational resources.

Many of today's youth struggle with their private pain; they often need some type of intervention but are unable to find it. Kristin was a talented girl with a passion for art. Her natural-born gift led her to the Parson School of Design. Shortly before her death, she created a work which is the inspiration of the annual "Yellow Dress Golf Classic Dinner and Live Auction," which raises money for depression awareness and provides funding for the foundation. Doug and Sharon Strouse have made a conscious effort to guarantee others will not suffer in silence. As a tribute to their daughter, they have devoted their energy to saving the lives of those who still have a fighting chance.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join with me in honoring Douglas and Sharon Strouse as well as the memory of their daughter, Kristin Rita Strouse. It took an incredible amount of strength to build this successful organization and they must be commended for the assistance and education they are providing to this nation's youth.

H.R. 282 IRAN SANCTIONS ACT

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 8, 2006*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, recently I made a difficult decision in voting against H.R.

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